

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING THE NATIONAL BLACK HOME EDUCATORS

HON. BILL CASSIDY

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 26, 2012

Mr. CASSIDY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of the National Black Home Educators, which is located in Louisiana's Sixth Congressional District. This week they celebrate their annual banquet marking twelve years of service both locally and nationally.

Founded in July 2000, the National Black Home Educators supports families who are actively involved in their children's education. The NBHE is comprised of more than 5,000 families, organizations, and companies which offer services, tools and resources to assist in children's education. The NBHE assists and equips families to best educate children at home while empowering children, with the support of their families, to achieve academic excellence. NBHE acts as a cornerstone in the homeschooling community by facilitating a supportive environment for all black home educators through field trips, meetings, and conferences.

Mr. Speaker, I heartily commend the National Black Home Educators in their success and efforts in supporting and facilitating parents who are whole-heartedly invested in their children's education. The National Black Home Educators are an important asset to Louisiana's Sixth Congressional District as well as the rest of the nation. I wish them continued success in their mission to promote and support the homeschooling community.

RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE OF POLICE CHIEF RICHARD J. BRADY

HON. JIM GERLACH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

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Mr. GERLACH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Richard J. Brady, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania on his retirement after his outstanding service and career in law enforcement, most recently as Chief of Police of Montgomery Township. Chief Brady has served with the Montgomery Township Police Department since 1970. He rose through the ranks from patrol officer to Detective (1976), Detective Sergeant (1980), Deputy Chief of Police, and finally was promoted to Chief of Police in 1982. As Chief, Richard Brady presided over the Department's growth from 11 officers in 1982 to its current compliment of 36 officers. Chief Brady established the Department's Special Operations Unit and helped to usher in a new era of technological crime-fighting devices including: computers in patrol cars, live scan fingerprinting, photo imaging, video arraignment, and in-car video systems. Under Chief Brady's leadership, the Mont-

gomery Township Police Department became just the 22nd police department in the state to be awarded P.L.E.A.C. Accreditation status by the Pennsylvania Chiefs of Police Association.

Chief Brady is a member in good standing of many law-enforcement commissions and organizations including: Pennsylvania Municipal Officers Education and Training Commission, Advisory Committee on Wrongful Convictions, Montgomery County Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council, Montgomery County Child Death Review Team, Montgomery County Community College Municipal Police Academy Advisory Committee, and the U.S. Congress' National Children's Study. Chief Brady also serves as the Vice Chairman of the Montgomery County Local Emergency Preparedness Council and on the Board of Directors of the Volunteer Medical Service Corps of Lansdale.

Mr. Speaker, in light of his years of exemplary service to his community and litany of sterling accomplishments too long to record, I ask that my colleagues join me today in recognizing Chief Richard J. Brady for his invaluable contributions to the quality of life of the citizens of Montgomery Township, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania.

LETTER OF COMMENDATION HONORING CONNECTICUT STATE REP. MARIE LOPEZ KIRKLEY-BEY

HON. JOHN B. LARSON

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. LARSON of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, on June 14th, Connecticut State Representative Marie Lopez Kirkley-Bey received a Community Service Award during the 14th anniversary celebration of Hartford Communities That Care, a local non-profit organization dedicated to strengthening families, and developing youth leaders across the greater Hartford area.

I was proud to present the following letter of commendation to Ms. Kirkley-Bey in recognition of her efforts:

JUNE 13, 2012.

DEAR REPRESENTATIVE KIRKLEY-BEY: I would like to commend you for your dedication to making Connecticut and the City of Hartford better places to live and work, and to recognize your numerous accomplishments and awards during your ten-term service in the Connecticut House of Representatives.

Your strong work ethic and commitment to giving back to Connecticut is perfectly illustrated in your journey to becoming Deputy Speaker and a leader on a number of State Legislatures and Committees. You built your career from the ground up, calling on your inner strength and motivation to advance from an entry-level job with Aetna, to management positions, and finally to the House of Representatives, all the while remembering your roots, hardships, and con-

cerns in order to empathize with and better assist your constituents. Your negotiation skills and relationship with your constituents will be missed.

With a focus on quality of life issues, you were able to address the needs of Connecticut's most vulnerable citizens, namely homeless and unemployed mothers, children and seniors. In a time when a quality education is more difficult to attain due to rising costs, your work on increasing access to and quality of education served as a crucial step to helping Hartford residents become more self-sufficient. Your success in working toward this goal is best portrayed in the Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) legislation, which continues to help single parents find a balance between work, education and raising a family.

Additionally, I appreciate your commitment to rejuvenating Hartford's appearance and work and enrichment opportunities. By negotiating the contract compliance portion of the Adriaen's Landing Bill, you ensured that Hartford-based minority contractors and laborers were employed, while your contributions to the Project Labor Agreement (PLA) enabled non-union minority contractors to receive fairer contracts. Finally, the creation of the Construction Jobs Funnel re-emphasized your commitment to the community and education. You recognized that in order to be employed, people need to know and have confidence in certain basic job skills. These three initiatives truly helped better Hartford.

I applaud your hard work, time and dedication in pursuit of a better Hartford and Connecticut and wish you the best of luck in your future endeavors.

All the Best,

JOHN B. LARSON,
Member of Congress.

ENTREPRENEUR DAY IN KC

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

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Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, please join me as I rise today to recognize June 26th as Entrepreneur Day in Kansas City.

The Greater Kansas City Chamber of Commerce and the Kauffman Foundation have a unique vision to make Kansas City America's Most Entrepreneurial City. In turn, they are hosting One Week KC, a nine-day celebration of innovators and job creators in our region that will encourage community entrepreneurs to come together, get inspired, learn and connect.

The final day of this celebration, June 26th, will be known as Entrepreneur Day at the K. Over 40 local mayors from both Missouri and Kansas will attend this event at Kauffman Stadium to declare June 26th as Entrepreneur Day in their cities. Entrepreneurs are the foundation of the American economy, and I applaud our local leaders for recognizing and encouraging entrepreneurship in our region.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join me in the celebration of Kansas City's entrepreneurs. I

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